

March 21

SIXTEEN VESSELS ASHORE.

Ice Drove Them on Flats in Provincetown Harbor.

Considerable Difficulty May Be Met in Floating Some.

The Cape Cod bay ice field, which has been lingering along the east shore for two weeks, was suddenly pushed into Provincetown harbor yesterday forenoon by the northeast gale, and, catching 16 fishing vessels in its grasp, drove them ashore in a tangled bunch at the northwest side of the harbor.

The entire harbor was cleared of vessels with the exception of the tug Peter B. Bradley, which managed to push through the field, although she had a hole stove in her bow at the waterline. She was saved from sinking by emptying her forward water tank, and later patching the hole.]

The vessels driven ashore were schs. Joseph P. Johnson, Annie Perry, Marshall L. Adams, Louisa Cabral, Louisa R. Silva, William A. Morse, Frances V. Silva, Sea Fox, Esther Gray, Fanny Freeman, all of Provincetown; M. S. Ayer, Mary Cabral, Fish Hawk and Bertha M. Bailey of Boston, and sloops Lear C. and Bessie of Provincetown.

Schs. Joseph P. Johnson, William A. Morse, Bertha M. Bailey and Mary Cabral are the furthest up on the beach, being almost on the street at the west end of the town. As all the vessels went ashore at high tide on the spring course of high tides, it is feared that the four mentioned will have considerable difficulty in getting afloat again.

While all the vessels are resting on soft mud bottom, a number are in such a bad jumble that a shift of wind to the southeast would cause many collisions and considerable damage.

March 22

DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

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Fresh fish, large cod, \$2.50; medium cod, \$2.00; all cod caught to the eastward of La-Have bank, \$2.25, medium \$1.75; cusk, \$1.75; Eastern haddock, \$1.25; hake, 90 cts.; pollock, 70c; snapper codfish, 60 cts.; snapper cusk, 60 cts.

Outside sales salt Georges cod, \$5.50 per cwt. for large and \$5.00 for mediums.

Outside sales fresh hake, \$1.00.

Outside sales fresh haddock to split, \$1.35.

Bank halibut, 11 cts. per pound for white and 9 cts. for gray.

Boston.

Sch. Mooanam, 50,000 haddock, 15,000 cod.

Sch. Lucania, 30,000 haddock, 34,000 cod.

Sch. Yakima, 50,000 haddock, 10,000 cod.

Sch. Yankee, 13,000 cod.

Sch. Arcadia, 28,000 haddock, 12,000 cod, 3000 hake, 4000 cusk.

Sch. Elmer E. Gray, 35,000 haddock, 12,000 cod.

Haddock, \$1.40 to \$2; large cod, \$2.65 to \$3.75; market cod, \$2.25 to \$2.50; hake, \$2.25.

March 22

COLLIDED ON GEORGES.

Sch. Mooanam Arrives at Boston Minus Mainboom.

The fishing schooner Mooanam, Capt. Hugh Quinlan, arrived at T wharf, Boston, yesterday, minus her mainboom, which had been carried away in collision with an unknown fishing vessel on Georges Bank last Wednesday. The vessels came together in the night, and both narrowly escaped serious damage. The unknown vessel sustained no apparent injury. The Mooanam brought in 55,000 pounds of haddock, 17,000 pounds of cod and 300 pounds of halibut.

Claims \$4000 Salvage.

Capt. Jason Daly of the Boston fishing sch. Muriel, which picked up the disabled fishing sch. Onata and towed her to Pabnico, N. S., and which was recently towed to this port by tug Underwriter for repairs, etc., has made a claim for \$4000 for salvage and placed the matter in the hands of the Admiralty Court at Halifax, N. S., for adjudication.

Against Menhaden Bill.

Senator Kimball of Newburyport filed with the clerk of the senate yesterday, the unanimously adverse report leave to withdraw of the committee on fisheries and game on the petition of Hon. W. O. Luscombe of Falmouth for an act to ruthorize the taking of menhaden for bait.

March 23

COMES AS A SURPRISE.

Firing of Big Guns Does No Damage to Fish.

SO SAYS FISH COMMISSION.

Statement Sent to the Navy Department.

A Washington dispatch of yesterday says that the navy department having received petitions from New England citizens, complaining that target practice by warships off their coast interfered with fishing interests and drove away the fish, has obtained a statement from the fish commission to the effect that the firing of the guns does no damage so far as the fish are concerned. The statement is being mailed to the senators and representatives who have forwarded the petitions of their constituents to the department.

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Good Stocks.

Sch. Slade Gorton, Capt. George Heckman, stocked \$2100 on her recent haddocking trip, the crew sharing \$57.

Sch. J. W. Lufkin, Capt. Charles White, stocked \$1674 on her recent haddocking trip, the crew sharing \$46.

Sch. Ella M. Goodwin, Capt. James Goodwin, stocked \$1930 on her recent haddock trip.

Capt. Heckman Capt. Goodwin have each landed over 230,000 pounds on their last two trips, both of which were made inside of three weeks.

Since she was launched September 1, 1904, the sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, Capt. Domingoes, has made the fine stock of \$18,500, the crew sharing \$605. On her last trip, the little craft went off shore and brought in 107,000 pounds of fresh fish, on which she stocked \$2350, the crew sharing the big amount of \$105. Capt. Domingoes is one of the leaders of the shore fishing fleet and is certainly making a most enviable record in his new craft.

DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Lorna Doone, Georges, 14,000 lbs. cod 1500 lbs. halibut.

Sch. Marsala, Georger, 20,000 lbs. cod, 2000 lbs. halibut.

Sch. Arthur D. Story, Georges, 18,000 lbs. cod, 400 lbs. halibut.

Sch. Orinoco, via Boston, 20,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Volant, via Boston.

Sch. Lafayette, via Boston.

Sch. Annie and Jennie, shore.

Sch. Evelyn L. Smith, shore.

Sch. Mary Edith, shore.

Sch. Flora J. Sears, shore.

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Bank halibut, 11 cts. per pound for white and 9 cts. for gray.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Constellation, south seining.

Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, (new) haddocking.

Sch. Maggie and May, salt banking.

Sch. Senator Saulsbury, salt banking.

Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, shore.

Sch. Lizzie M. Stanley, haddocking.

Sch. Natalie J. Nelson, haddocking.

Sch. Seaconnet, shore.

Sch. Mary E. Silveria, shore.

Sch. Squanto, halibuting.

Sch. Tacoma, halibuting.

Sch. Massachusetts, Georges halibuting.

Sch. Thalia, Georges halibuting.

Sch. Slade Gorton, haddocking.

Boston.

Sch. Tartar, 35,000 haddock, 18,000 cod.

Sch. Manhasset, 30,000 haddock, 6000 cod, 500 cusk.

Sch. Catherine and Ellen.

Haddock \$1.25 to \$1.50, large cod \$2.50 to \$2.75, market cod \$1.75 to \$2.

March 23

FIRST SEINER AWAY.

Sch. Constellation Sailed on Southern Mackerel Trip This Forenoon.

Sch. Constellation, Capt. Thaddeus Morgan, sailed this forenoon for southern waters, being the first of the southern seining fleet to get away this season. It seems odd to see the seiners starting off with snow on the ground, but skippers and men are anxious to be out there in time to meet the first schools as they come up by Cape Hatteras.

Sch. Pinta, Capt. John F. Vautier, will also probably sail some time today and others will follow tomorrow and the following days.

MAIDEN TRIP.

Handsome New Sch. Frances P. Mesquita Sailed Today.

The handsome new sch. Frances P. Mesquita, sailed today on her maiden trip, haddocking. She made a pretty sight, as with everything set she moved speedily out of the harbor. Good luck to her.

Fish Frozen in Ice.

In the window of Jeremiah Foster, the Main street jeweller, is a unique exhibit of a fish, frozen in a block of ice. The specimen was secured by Mr. Amos Tanner, an employee of the Cape Pond Ice Company, and was taken from Cape Pond during the harvesting of the crop. Mr. Foster will endeavor to keep the specimen as long as possible for the benefit of all those who care to look at it.

STORM DAMAGES VESSELS.

Several of the Crafts Ashore at Provincetown Sniffer.

Hard Work Will Be Required to Float Some.

The heavy easterly storm of yesterday wrought damage to some of the 16 fishing vessels which are ashore at Provincetown, by the ice, on Tuesday. The sch. Annie Perry sprang a leak at high water and last night was in bad shape. The Fish Hawk had her fore-gaff broken and several others sustained minor injuries.

One vessel, the Fanny Freeman, succeeded in reaching Matheson's wharf at noon, by dint of hard work of her men, but the more than 250 men comprising the crews of the other vessels were unable to budge their respective craft an inch.

Aground at low tide and afloat at high water sagging a bit farther landward with each recurrence of the flood, unless a floe-removing wind soon succeeds, several of the lot will require hard hauling on the part of the tugs to get them afloat.

No such exhibition of tangled, helpless trawling schooners has been given since the winter of 1875, when more than a score of trawlers, caught between Wood End and a bay floe by a somersaulting southeasterly gale, became stuck in the ice and were held prisoners for weeks.

Chance to Ship Good Fishermen at Bay Bulls, N. F.

A letter from Mr. H. Weeks, of Bay Bulls, N. F., states that he would like to advise salt bankers that there are at that port and near there several good able men with much trawling experience and able fishermen who are inquiring if any of the salt bank fleet are coming that way for men.

March 24

TO ENFORCE BAIT ACT.

Newfoundland To Reduce
Licenses to Americans.

CUSTOMS COLLECTORS NOTIFIED

Act Retaliatory for Killing Hay-Bond Treaty.

A despatch from St. John's, N. F., says that the Newfoundland government today ordered the customs collectors throughout the island to refuse American fishing vessels licenses to procure bait in colonial waters, the government intending to introduce legislation at the session of the legislature opening next week to enforce the bait act against Americans as stringently as it is now enforced against the French, because the American senate buried the Bond-Hay treaty.

The advocates of retaliation against Americans claim they can make the crusade as effective against Gloucester as they have already made it against St. Pierre.

This dispatch as printed in the Boston papers this morning was the first news of the action received here. The vessel owners, or those who have vessels engaged in salt banking, talked the matter over, and as might be expected the action of the Newfoundland government in deciding not to grant any bait licenses to American fishing vessels this season was the principal topic of conversation.

A number of the leading vessel owners were seen by a TIMES representative, and while none cared to be quoted specifically on the subject, feeling that until an official notification of the matter had been received, it would not be proper to express opinions on the act, still all spoke of it in a general way, saying that of course if the despatch was correct and the privilege of buying bait licenses had been cut off, it would probably bother the American bankers to some extent about caplin time.

At the same time they feel that the privilege of buying bait was worth what they paid for the license. They did not seem to think that the action would work any continued harm, and its first effect would come on the first trips of the bankers this present season, the vessels having sailed with no apparatus to catch their own bait, the captains of course not knowing the action taken.

The action would affect the winter herring industry only at Fortune and Placentia Bays, and the industry there has been played out for several years.

Among all of the vessel owners seen there was a feeling that it was too early to talk and allowing that the action had been taken as reported in the despatch, it was not so serious a matter as it perhaps appeared to those not acquainted with the situation of affairs.

More Convincing.

The Woods Hole fish hatchery officials' word is Secretary Morton's reliance for saying that the naval target practice about Vineyard and Nantucket sounds is doing no damage to the fishing interests. But the word of Boston and Gloucester fishermen that the grown-up fish schools have been scattered or annihilated is, however, more convincing.—Boston Advertiser.

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Sch. Arcadia, via Boston.

Sch. Fanny Belle Atwood, via Boston.

Sch. Moosnam, via Boston.

Sch. Mary E. Silveria, shore.

Sch. Maud F. Silva, shore.

Sch. Marguerite, shore.

Sch. Addie M. Story, Boston.

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Boston.

Sch. Massasoit, 2800 cod.

Sch. Rose Standish, 22,000 cod.

Sch. Gov. Russell, 11,000 haddock, 600 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Irene and May, 45,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 7000 cusk.

Sch. Philip P. Manta, 5500 haddock, 500 cod, 500 hake.

Haddock \$2, large cod \$3 to \$3.50, market cod \$3, hake \$2.50, cusk \$1.75.

TARR AMENDMENT ADOPTED.

Lobster Bill Passed To Be Engrossed.

In the house yesterday Representative Tarr of Rockport moved to amend the "lobster bill," so that during the period from December 15 to April 1 in each year lobsters not less than nine inches in length uncooked, or 8 3/4 inches cooked, may be sold. The original Dunham bill permitted the importation of short lobsters from Nova Scotia and other foreign countries during that period.

Mr. Dunham of Nantucket, the author of the bill, did not object to the amendment and it was adopted and the bill passed to be engrossed.

HAD A BIG FARE.

Sch. Hazel Oneita Was Loaded with Codfish When Lost.

When sch. Hazel Oneita of this port was lost on a ledge off Cape Sable a few days ago, she had on board 100,000 pounds of fresh fish. A dense fog prevailed at the time of the accident.